SERMON NOTES

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Title: "Beyond Empathy - Changing our Lens"

MAIN THEME / INTRODUCTION

In order for a doctor to be effective, he or she must listen to their patient; they must observe them closely; and they must ask penetrating questions... but that's not all. Because patients also need to know WHY they're feeling the way they do, AND...WHAT CAN BE DONE to make them feel better. Today, we're going to consider the roles diagnosis and treatment play in seeing through the lens of a doctor.

BIBLE VERSES REFERENCED

Matthew 9:10-12 (NKJV)

KEY POINTS

First...
We must look beneath the surface and SEE the cause.
* A doctor's lens incorporates faith, and faith makes use of imagination. **(Matthew 9:36, Ephesians 6:12, 2 Corinthians 4:18, Luke 23:24)**

Then...
We must apply a treatment that will eliminate the "cause.
* A doctor's lens reveals that mercy trumps sacrifice every time. **(Micah 6:6-8)**

Conclusion:
As you've probably figured out by now, getting rid of the Pharisee within has a lot to do with the way we look at and feel about others. It has a lot to do with perspective. Jesus made it clear: We live in a spiritual world; therefore, we need a spiritual perspective. Can you look past the obvious and see the manipulation and pain the Devil's wrought in people's lives?

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